

False testimony on climate change ignores Pope

To the editor:

I loved Michael Kraft's article on the Pope's moral call for Catholics, and people of all religions, to respond to climate change facts by cutting emissions. But I didn't like that his article was published opposite Catherine Snow's essay, in a Pro/Con debate about heeding the Pope.

How sad -- fossil fuel lobbyists morphed the false debate on climate science, into a false debate on the Pope's response to climate change, adding a false debate about climate policies being bad for poor people. In New England, studies demonstrate that our emissions reduction program created nearly 30,000 jobs in six years, funneling revenue into our economy.

Although Snow asserts she's a faithful Catholic, she offered false testimony. First, she failed to reveal her affiliation with the Acton Institute (which is part of the fossil fuel-funded State Policy Network). Second, she quoted John Christy without acknowledging that his research denying the climate is changing due to humans was disproved.

Third, she offers standard fossil fuel industry pretenses --- we must build fossil fuel-powered plants so poor Africans don't die cooking with wood fires. Actually, it'd be cheaper, faster, easier and more healthy to install solar in every town. Fossil fuel plants are only good for fossil fuel tycoons.

Readers should please tell Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake to heed the Pope with carbon fee and dividend legislation. Otherwise history will remember them as cowards who were partial in judgment and deferred to the wishes of the rich (Leviticus 19:15).

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